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TOPIC New Polish Minesweeper in Danzig

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1. Engine components, probably boilers, were lifted into a new minesweeper by a floating crane at the building yard in Weichselmünde, which is now a Polish Government shipyard. The displacement of the vessel was about 500 to 600 tons. Her funnel had not yet been installed, but her mast had already been stopped and work on it was completed. She had a raking stern and a square stern. After the engine parts had been shipped, the minesweeper was towed by a tug in the direction of Gdynia. *

2. [redacted] the vessel had been newly built for the Polish Navy. **

3. The floating crane was self-propelled. Its lifting capacity was estimated at approximately 50 tons.

* Comment. The vessel was probably towed to Gdynia for final fitting.
** Comment. This is the first report to indicate a new ship for the Polish Navy. It is possible that the Soviets now permit the Poles to build small war vessels.

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